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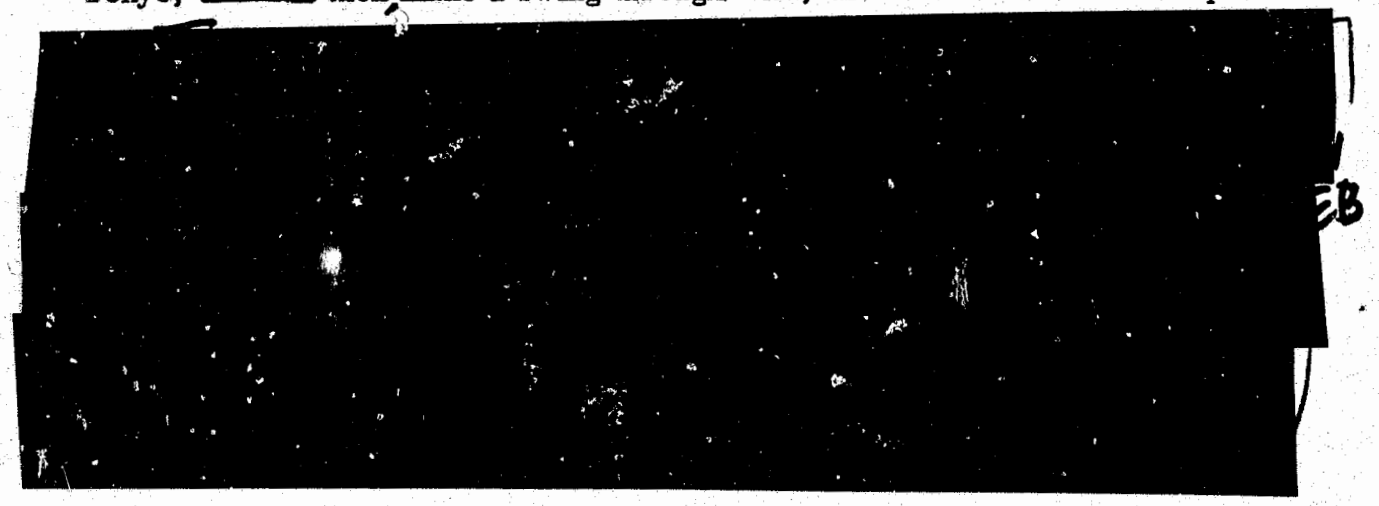
I had welcome news this morning from Mr. Ribble of the Administration Section. He thinks I can be assigned, within a few months, a so-called "compact" limousine to replace my mastodon of a Cadillac. Tommy Thompson has just secured one of these glorified Checker Cab types for Moscow; in my eagerness to escape the thralldom of my monstrous Cadillac, I have contracted to take the car sight unseen.

I lunched at the White House mess with Mac Bundy. We talked inconclusively about Berlin. He said the President would not be back in Washington until next Tuesday, and [redacted] thought there was no point in my staying on to see him. Dean Rusk has been in New York ever since I arrived, but has sent word he wants to see me either here or there before I return to London.

I went out this afternoon, with Foy Kohler and Bill Burdett, to the airport to see off the Caccias. There were thirty or forty people of various nationalities, including dusky Commonwealthers, to wave them away. They leave tonight for Tokyo, [redacted] will then make a swing through Asia, the Middle East and Europe.



Lutie and Pinky Thompson visited us this evening. While they were there, we heard from Janie McBaine that she was at George Washington University Hospital, looking after Ethel Fowler. Ethel had fallen after lunch and broken her hip. She was to be operated on about seven o'clock. I called Elsie Woodward in New York.